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I am a truck driver who travels nightly from the Sacramento-Stockton-San Francisco area down the San Joaquin Valley and back. I am also a subscriber to XM-Radio. I have greatly appreciated the XM channel that provides local weather and traffic conditions.

There is one 24-hour radio station in this area which provides traffic reports. Unfortunately, the broadcasts are one minute or less in length and rarely provide traffic information outside of San Francisco or Oakland, proper. Also, these broadcasts occur approximately every ten minutes and at night are not usually current. The time varies because of news stories and commercials. I feel it is the black sheep of the station and is constantly slighted.

Local weather reports are typically little more than local temperature and conditions at the three Bay Area Airports.

XM's traffic broadcasts are concise, timely and provide traffic conditions for the immediate Bay Area; as well as for feeder highways into and out of the region. There have been many comprehensive reports about conditions along I-80 from Davis and Sacramento; I-580 from Tracy; and US-101 from south of San Jose. Because they continuously alternate with weather forecasts tailored for this region, it provides for nearly continuous; updated coverage. Around the clock.